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that we could offer our temporary employees proportional benefits. And it actually sunsets every so often, and all this...what we would like to do is just make this a permanent part. It seems to be working very well. In the past, the authority has been used for implementation of programs like catastrophic leave and changing the conditions of employment, such as the number of hours of sick leave which can be carried from year to year. With that, I would simply urge the advancement of this bill, and I would be happy to answer any questions and I'd also yield my time back to the Chair, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Debate on the advancement of LB 96? Senator Schimek, you're recognized to close. Senator Schimek waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 96. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 96.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 96 is advanced. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 286, by Senator Janssen. (Read title.) Introduced on January 5, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time. Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Janssen, you're recognized to open on LB 286.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, LB 286 would modify the requirements to receive tuition assistance currently provided the Nebraska National Guard. For some quick background, the Nebraska National Guard provides tuition assistance to members in the amount of 75 percent of the resident tuition charge. In return for this assistance, the individual must sign an agreement to serve the Nebraska National Guard for a minimum of three years from the completion of the courses for which they receive assistance under the penalty of